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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 forms. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due with the filing of this paper.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. The first document (aa) was received along with the Notice of Allowance in related U.S. Application 10/270,595 (now U.S. Patent 6,716,603). The second document (ab) was cited in a Partial European Search Report in related application EP 9991092.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. If the Examiner applies any one of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application, and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute prior art under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a constructive petition for extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)						
	aa	Agnel et al. Identification of three novel members of the calcium-dependent chloride channel (CaCC) family predominantly expressed in the digestive tract and trachea. FEDS Letters 455: 295-301 (1999).				
	ab	Gruber et al. Genomic cloning, molecular characterization, and functional analysis of human CLCA1, the first human member of the family of Ca ²⁺ -activated Cl- channel proteins, Genomics 54(2):200-14 (1998).				
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Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.						